

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/017,299**

Response filed October 13, 2005

Reply to OA dated June 14, 2005

REMARKS:

Claims 1-20 are currently being considered, of which claim 11 has been amended herein.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 and 12-20 are allowed.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11, as filed February 15, 2005, is not directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Herein, claim 11 has been amended in order to further clarify the claimed invention. Claim 11, as amended herein, is not directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Thus, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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